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REMARKS

In a Final Office Action mailed on April 30, 2007, claims 39, 41-43, 45-47, 49 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claus in view of Glasser; and claims 40, 44 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claus and Glasser and further in view of Lee. November 2, 2006, the Examiner maintained the § 103(a) rejections of claims 39-50.

Based on the response to Applicant's arguments in the Final Office Action, the Examiner is relying on Claus to purportedly teach or suggest in response to a request to provide an identification of a second computer system, notifying a user of the second computer system of the request and prompting the user to allow or deny the request. In support of this contention, the Examiner refers to lines 5-28 in column 12 of Claus. *Id*.

The cited language in Claus, however, fails to teach or suggest the missing claim limitations. More specifically, the cited language discloses a smart card that contains both the smart card 500 and authentication device 700 of Fig. 1. Claus, 12:16-20. Thus, the disclosure in column 12 of Claus has the same shortcomings Claus' description of Fig. 1. More specifically, there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited language regarding notifying a user of an identification request and prompting a user whether to allow or deny the request. Instead, in column 12, Claus discloses providing a challenge signal and based on the smart card's response to the challenge, another smart card authenticates or fails to authenticate the first smart card.

There is no discussion in the cited language regarding providing any indication to a user of the smart card of the ongoing process, such as providing and authenticating the challenge number. Thus, from the standpoint of the user, the purportedly "more powerful smart card" disclosed in column 12 of Claus is merely a plastic card that provides absolutely no indication of whether nor not identification of the card is being requested. Thus, without this disclosure, Claus fails to teach or suggest the missing claim limitations, i.e., the act of providing any type of interface on a computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request, whether the interface be visual or not. As previously pointed out and as is now conceded by the Examiner, Glasser fails to teach or suggest the missing claim limitations. Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the § 103 rejection of independent claim 39.

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For similar reasons, the hypothetical combination of Claus and Glasser fails to teach or suggest the limitations of claim 43. In this regard, neither Claus nor Glasser, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests instructions to cause a processor of a first processor-based system to in response to a request to provide an identification for the first computer system to provide a visual interface on a second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of a request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request. Similarly, independent claim 47 overcomes the § 103 rejection for at least the reasons that there is no teaching or suggestion in the hypothetical combination of Claus and Glasser of a first computer to in response to a request from a second computer provide a visual interface on the first computer to notify both a user of the first computer of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request.

Dependent claims 40-42, 44-46 and 48-50 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests a favorable action in the form a Notice of Allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to pay any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0160US).

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